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Senior Class

Foreword . . .

MANY pleasant memories are associated with the days spent attending Wyoming High School.

If, by publishing this book, we can recall in later years a few of these happy moments, we shall feel that our purpose has been accomplished.

Dedication . . .

THE SENIOR class is proud to dedicate the 1944 Orbit to a fine teacher and a sincere friend. It was during those very important years, when the character of students is in the formative stage of development, that this person guided us and set a brilliant example for us. To Miss Haverkamp, our junior high mathematics teacher, we dedicate this Orbit.

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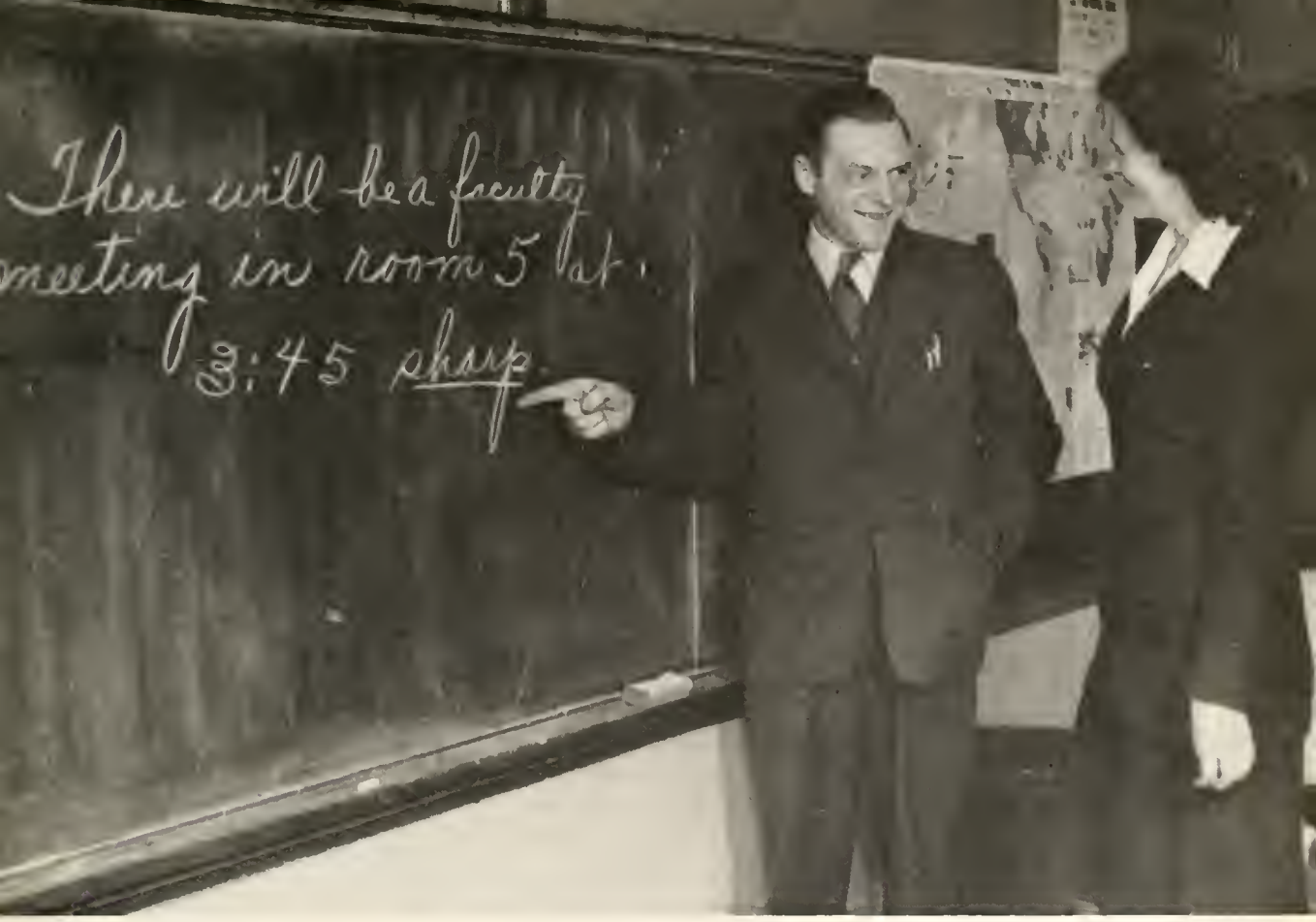

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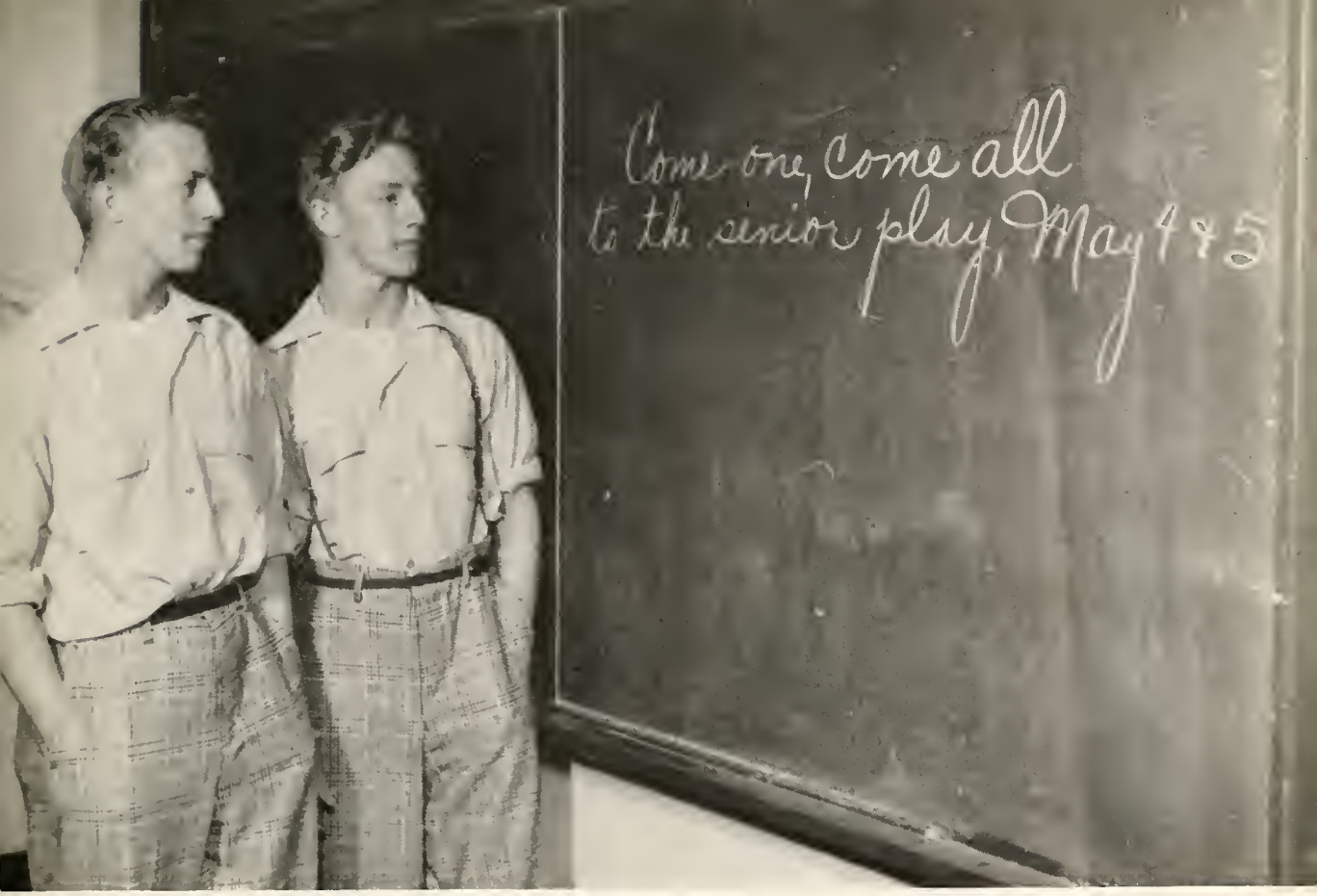
A WORLD HAS ORGANIZED ITS TOTAL MANPOWER AND ITS TOTAL RESOURCES INTO TWO MASSIVE MILITARY UNITS AND IS FIGHTING ON THE LAND, ON THE WATER, AND IN THE AIR TO TEST WHETHER THE PHILOSOPHY OF A DEMOCRATIC MANKIND SHALL ENDURE OR WHETHER THE TOTALITARIAN RULE OF THE DICTATORS SHALL ENGULF THE LIBERTIES OF HUMAN BEINGS.

OUR FOREFATHERS FOUNDED THIS NATION ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL AND THAT EACH SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENJOY THOSE FREEDOMS SET UP IN OUR CONSTITUTION. MANY TIMES THIS NATION HAS HAD TO TAKE UP ARMS TO DEFEND THOSE FREEDOMS; TODAY THE TEST HAS AGAIN COME AND NOT ONLY THIS NATION, BUT THE WHOLE WORLD IS GOING THROUGH THE SUPREME TEST.

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND THE WAY YOU HAVE TACKLED THE TREMENDOUS TASK WHICH LIES BEFORE YOU. WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD THAT HE MAY GUIDE YOU AND KEEP YOU AND BRING YOU BACK SAFELY. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL HAVE FAITH IN HIM.

TO YOU WHO ARE CARRYING OLD GLORY WE DEDICATE THIS PAGE.



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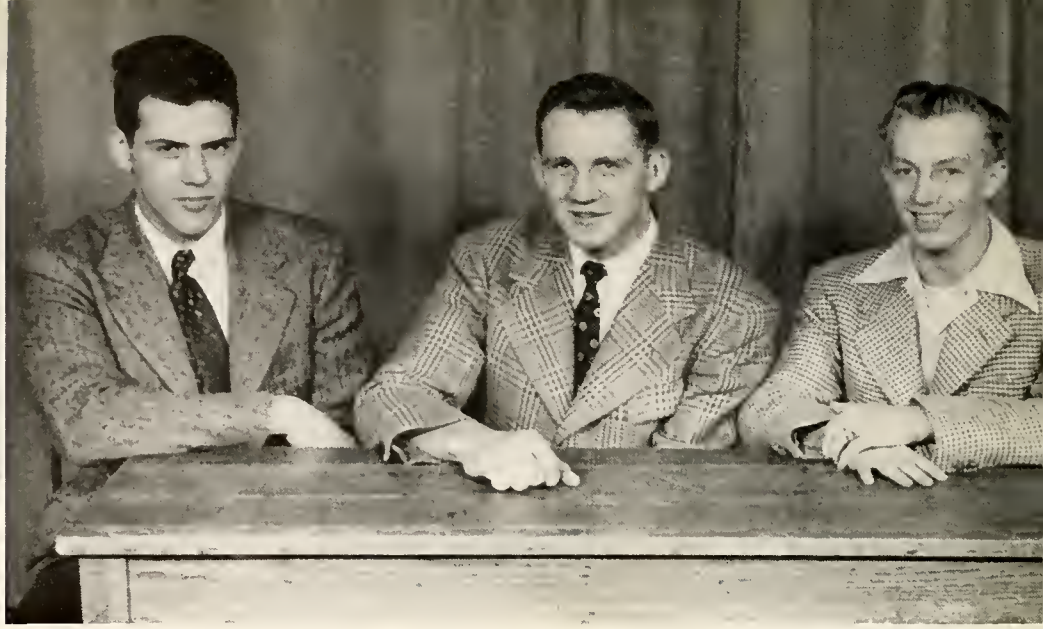

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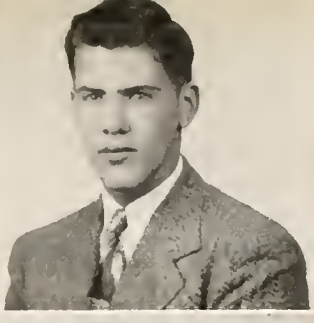

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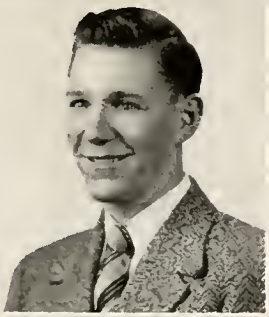

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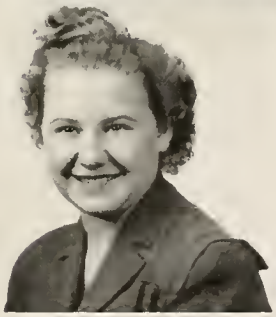

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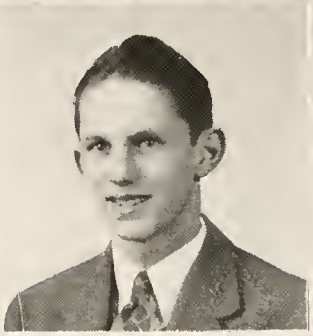

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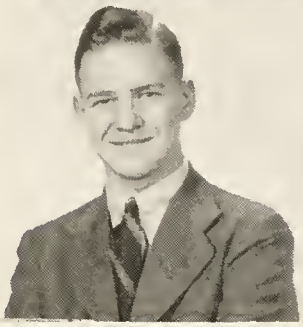

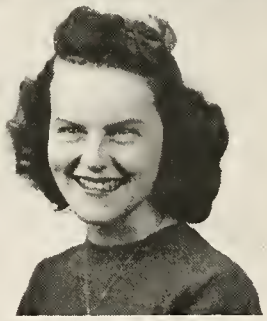

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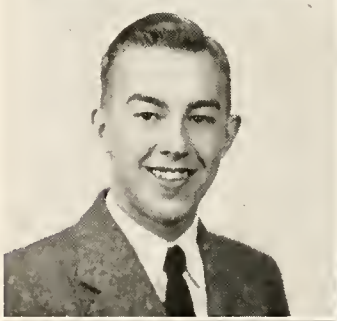

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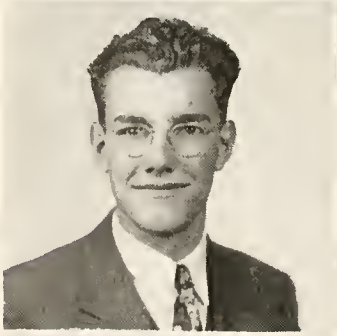

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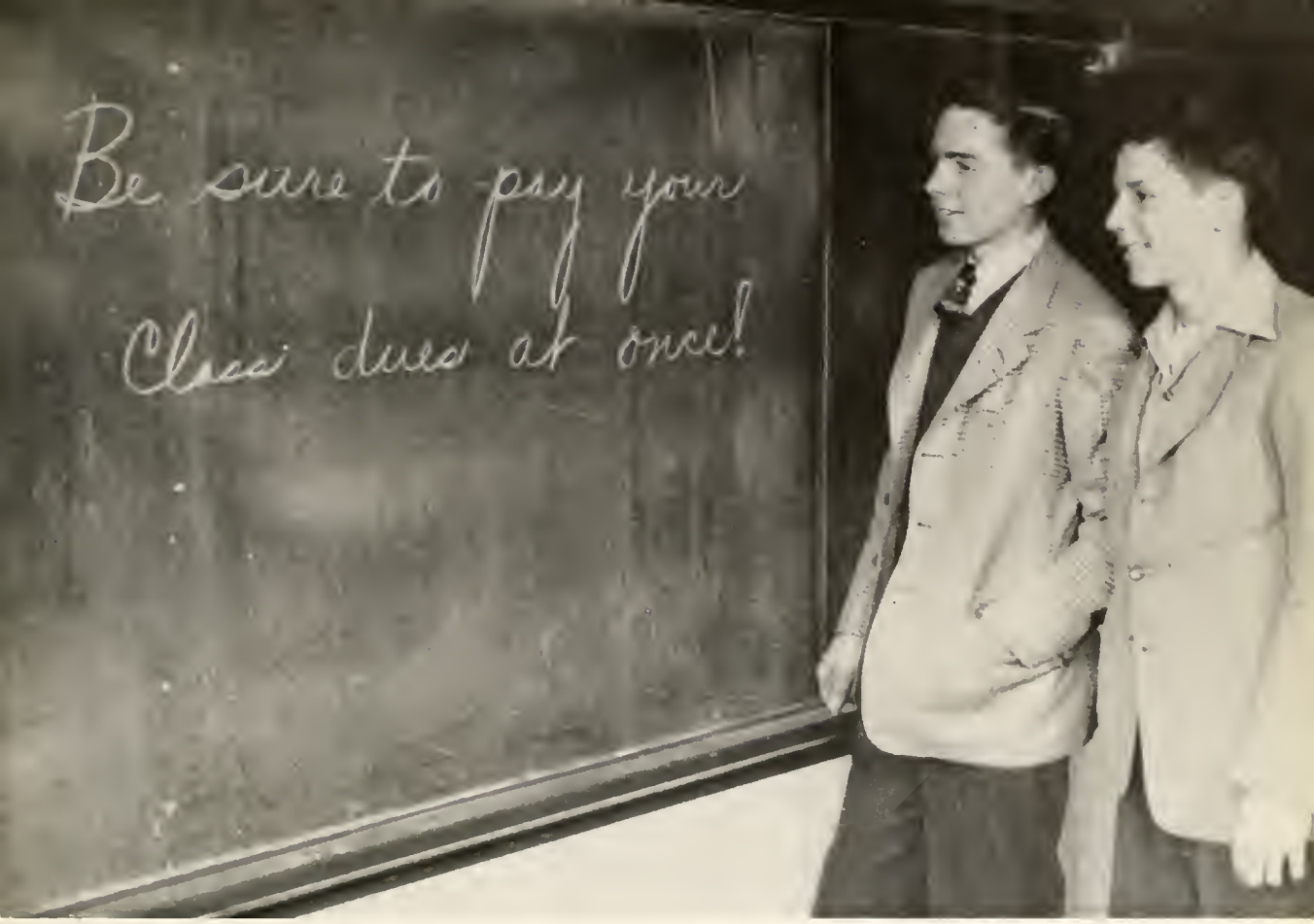

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G. Nyenhuis
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O. Tilma
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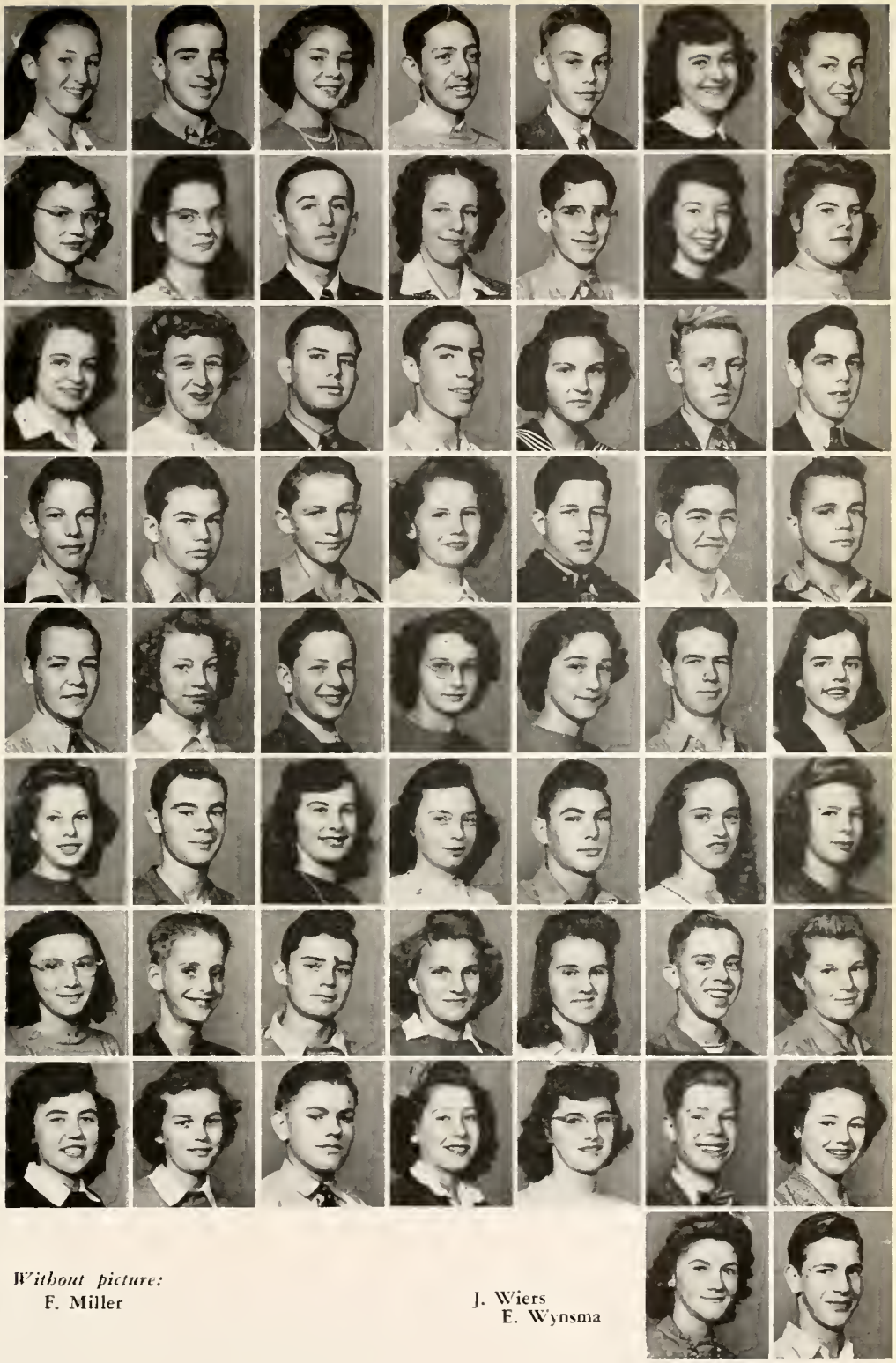

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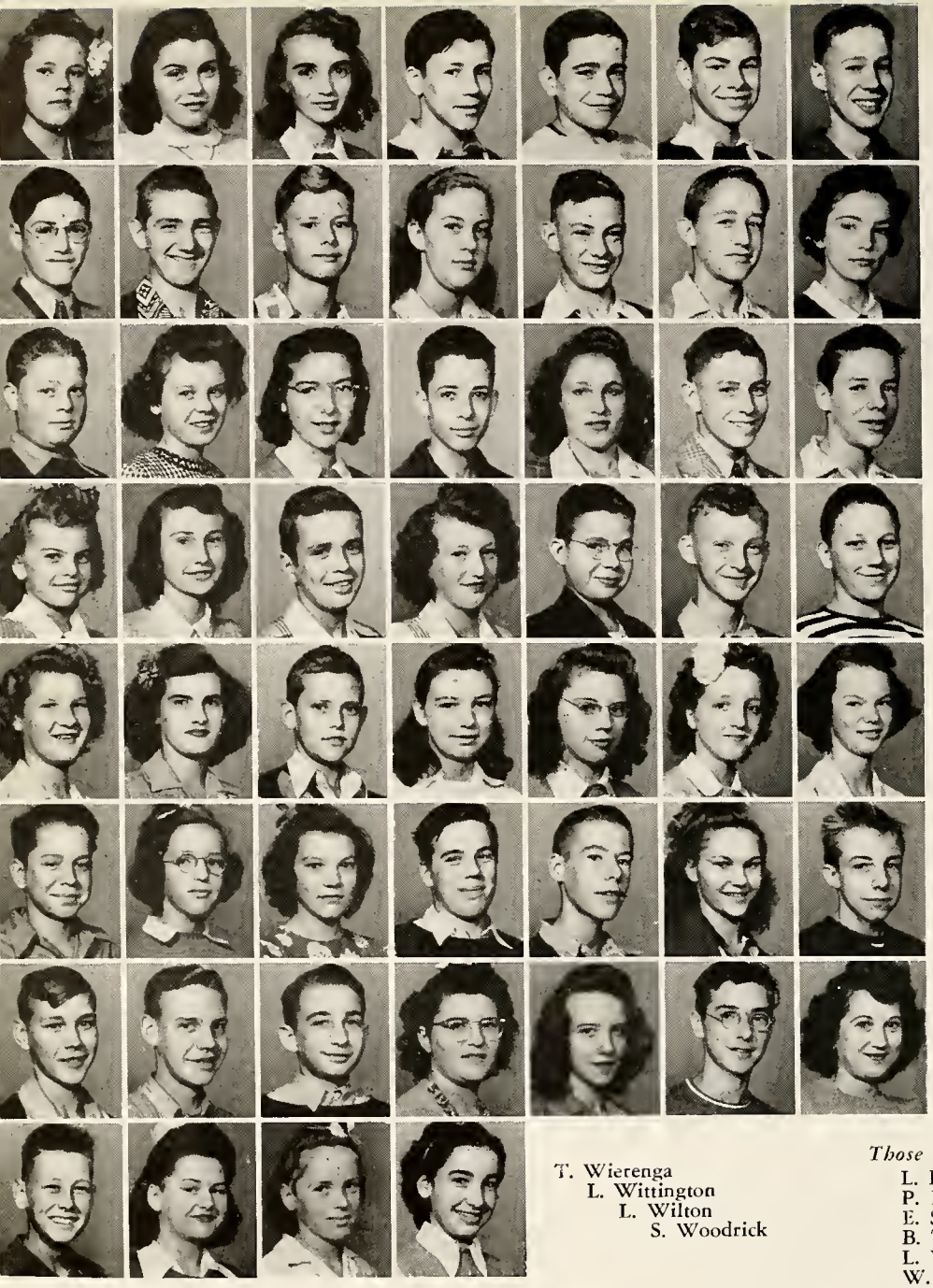

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R. Brown

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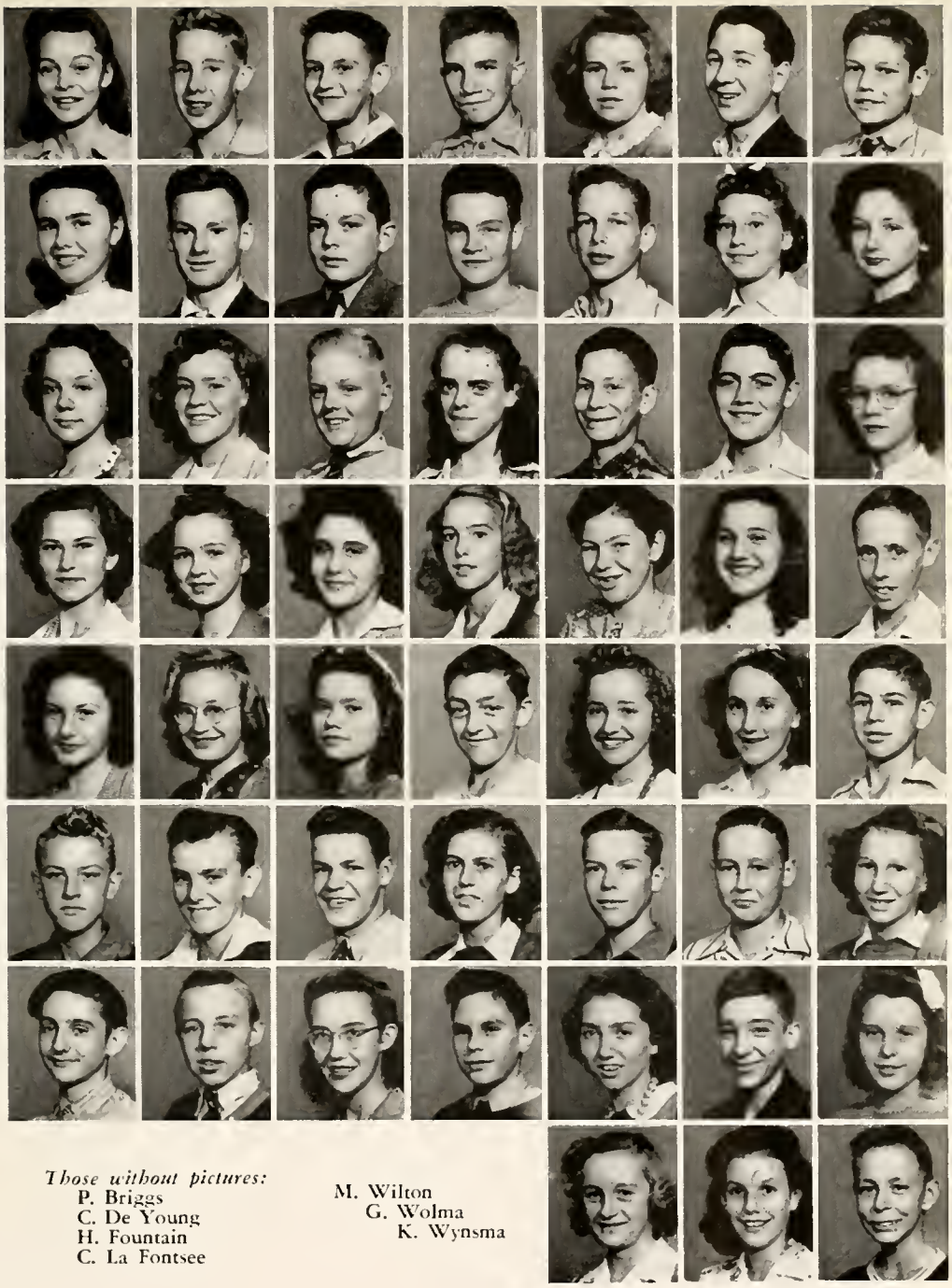

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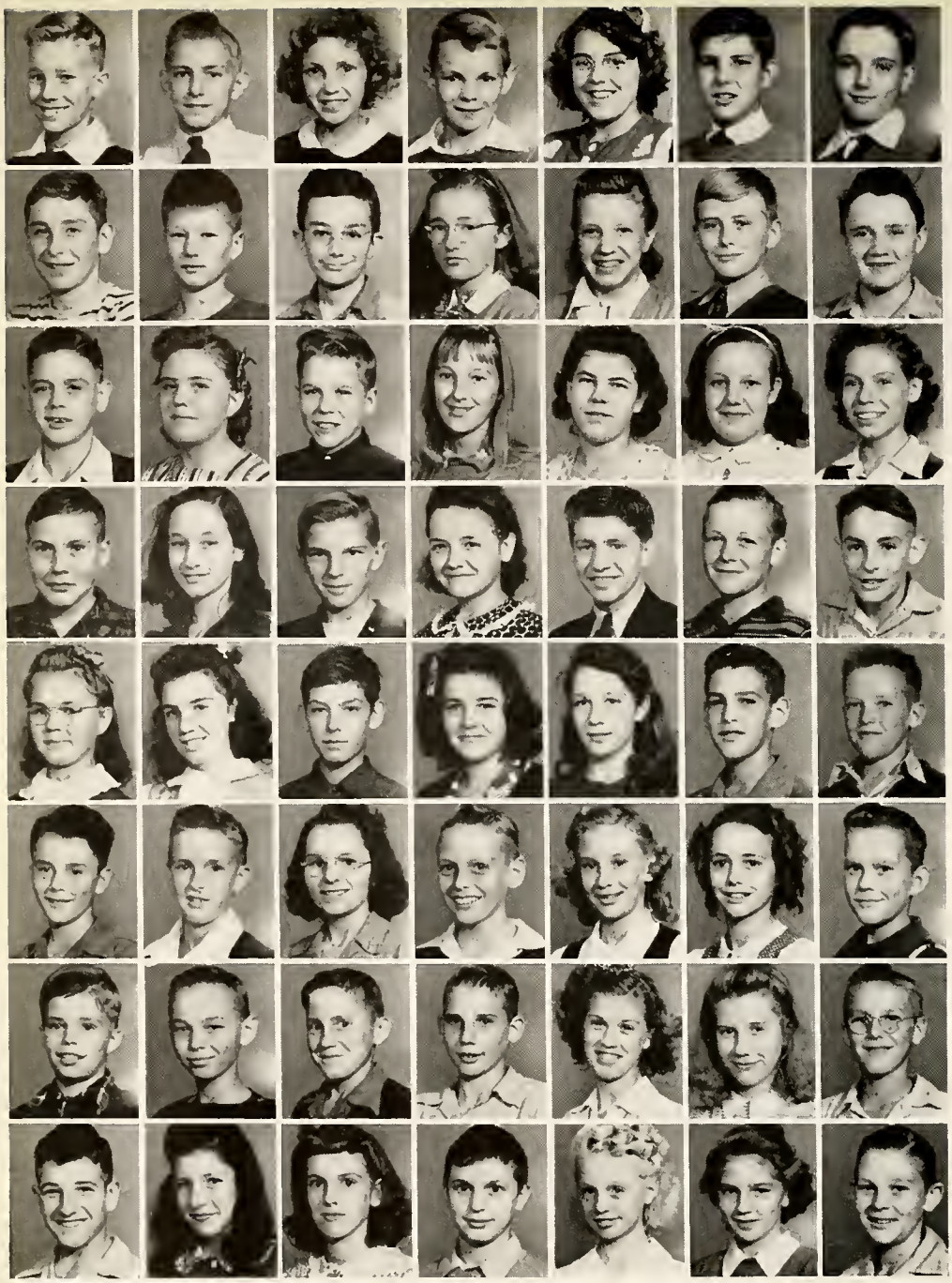

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A. Francis

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D. Hoffert
B. Hope
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Seventh Grade . . .

Activities

Standing—K. Klynstra, L. Faber, G. Beld, D. Vander Wall, Mr. Davis (sponsor).
Seated—E. Donelson, B. Breese (Vice-Pres), V. Grubbs (Treas.), J. Peppler (Pres.), C. De Mull (Secy.), A. Snyder, R. Grubbs.

Student Council . . .

The Student Council has always been a very active organization. This year has been no exception. Functioning under the advisorship of Mr. Davis the council continued its active schedule.

In the course of the year three people held the position of president. Dick Howland and John Peppler entered the armed forces, and the council concluded the year with Betty Breese as president.

The council's main achievement was the establishment of a splendid assembly schedule. Betty Breese was chairman of this project, and it was largely through her efforts that we enjoyed such fine assemblies.

Standing—Mrs. Luyendyk (sponsor), R. Cepella, J. Boelens, E. Morgan, H. Gort, A. MacDanold.
Seated—A. Snyder, J. Bement, M. Kelder, F. Johnson.

Forensics . . .

This year several students showed an active interest in forensic activities. As usual, the competition was divided into four classes — oratorical declamation, dramatic declamation, extempore speaking, and oratory. Wyoming had contestants in the first three.

In the first elimination contest, four winners were chosen. They were: oratorical declamation, Richard Cepella and Alan McDanold; dramatic declamation, Frieda Johnson; and extempore speaking, Eugene Morgan.

The District Forensic Contest was held at Rockford. Here Wyoming students upheld the honor of our school by coming away with two first places for the first time in our history. Frieda Johnson took first in dramatic declamation and Richard Cepella first in oratorical declamation.

As our speaking contests draw to a close we are planning to hold the Regional Contest at our school. There are to be nine schools represented and the competition promises to be keen. At this point we can only wish our speakers good luck and say we are very proud of them.

Mrs. Luyendyk (sponsor), H. Gort, B. Breese, J. Boelens, K. Bleam, S. Woodrick.

Debate . . .

The question — Resolved, That the United States should join in reconstituting the League of Nations — furnished the debate squad with an interesting topic for the season. Such a subject proved itself both stimulating and exciting because it was constantly affected by present-day world affairs.

Since only two persons of the entire debate squad were returning veterans, much time was spent in a review of debating principles and techniques. Betty Breese and Jack Boelens represented Wyoming at a Michigan High School Forensic Association debate tournament held at Grand Rapids Christian. The season has given a profitable yield in experience.

The team will lose two members through graduation; but, with a group well-coached in the basic fundamentals and a question which provides interest and an opportunity for study, Wyoming looks forward to a successful season in 1944-'45.

Third Row, standing—D. Early, E. Wynsma, H. Nagelkirk, D. Formsma, W. Chandler, G. Formsma, G. Nyenhuis, R. Ten Brock.

Second Row, standing—Mr. Davis (Sponsor), R. Warner, E. Donelson, R. Grubbs, C. Nichols, R. Koetje, H. Klynstra, A. Mac Danold.

First Row, seated—D. Olson, D. McHoskey, R. Jewell, R. Dood, V. Grubbs (Pres.), L. Crull, B. Piebenga, M. Piebenga.

Hi-Y . . .

The Hi-Y Club of Wyoming is open to all sophomores, junior and senior boys of our school who are willing to stand on the club platform — clean speech, clean athletics, clean scholarship, and clean living.

Due to the fine leadership of our club sponsor and officers, this year's Hi-Y club has been fairly active. Among our projects this last year were fixing the bleachers in the gym, concession at the Community Round-up and sending delegates to older boys conference.

Our program consists of discussions on vocational guidance, political problems, and other questions of interest.

It is certain that the Hi-Y club of Wyoming will live for many years and will always "create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian Character."

Kneeling—Lois Daane (Vice Pres.) Miss Edison (Sponsor), Maxine De Laai (Sec.), Verna Ryerson, Miss Kuizenga (Sponsor), Gene Burkholder, Doris Monroe, Louise Hoop, C. Hartman.

Seated—Jeanette Weidenfeller, B. Evarts, P. Freeberg (Pres.), D. Otteson, N. Runyon, E. Grimm.

Senior Girl Reserves . . .

In 1944, the Girl Reserves limited their membership to the juniors and seniors only.

The main activity of the year was the Style Show concession at the Community Round-Up. Each girl worked hard to make it a huge success.

Another activity was the Ring-Girls, a tradition with the Y. W. C. A., in which four of the girls took part.

Meetings were held every two weeks in school. Sometimes, whenever the gym was available, there were basketball games in which everyone participated.

The Wyoming Girl Reserves were represented at the Y. W. C. A. at the Mid-Winter Conference where representatives of all the Girl Reserves in Western Michigan met.

Kneeling—Mrs. Engelien (sponsor), V. Camfield, D. Demoray, J. Mellor, E. Stap, M. Kelder, E. Van Leeuwen, B. Kroes, F. Faber, L. Burkholder, S. Woodrick.

Seated—F. Bolthouse, B. Miling, A. Snyder, J. Bement, L. Hodges, B. Berglund, I. Newman, P. Vander Brink.

Junior Girl Reserves . . .

The Junior Girl Reserves are composed of members from the freshman and sophomore classes. They are under the leadership of the music teacher, Mrs. G. Engelien.

The girls found great enjoyment in their service projects, particularly the Easter party which was given for the children in St. John's Home. The other project for the season was the making of cartoon and joke scrap-books for servicemen.

New officers who will serve throughout the next school year include: Leona Hodges, President; Esther Van Leeuwen, Vice President; Marjorie Kelder, Secretary, and Arlene Snyder, treasurer.

The symbol common to all Girl Reserves in the United States is the blue triangle within a circle. Inside the triangle are the letters G. R. The triangle means YOU, and represents the three sides of your life — the mental, the physical, and the spiritual. The circle symbolizes the world in which we live. As the girls strive to "face life squarely, and to find and give the best," the triangle and circle expands like the growing individual which it represents.

Standing—B. Breese, G. Jellema, J. Peppler, D. Early, Mr. Zylstra (faculty advisor).
Seated—C. De Mull, E. Williams, P. Freeberg, J. Round, W. Chandler.

Orbit . . .

Early in the second semester, selected members of the class of "44" went to work with enthusiasm, to produce not just another "Orbit," but a yearbook which the class can publish with pride.

Phyllis Freeberg was chosen Editor-in-Chief. With the able assistance of her two associates, Betty Breese and Clair De Mull, Phyllis worked very hard to accomplish the task of organizing the book. The fellow who stayed up nights to write some of these articles, was the Literary Editor, Jack Round. Don Early did a splendid job as Sports Editor. Photography Editor was Bill Chandler. Did he have his worries! No film. His associate was Esther Williams.

The honors for the "Orbit" assembly and the increased subscriptions, go to the Business Manager, Gay Jellema and her associate, John Peppler.

There is no doubt but that without the advisement, encouragement, and drive of our advisor, Mr. Zylstra, the "Orbit" would not have been the success it is.

Standing, Third Row—D. Dykstra, L. Jones, F. Johnson, D. Demoray, L. Kammeraad, G. Beld, J. De Vries, R. Jewell, B. Engstrom, B. Drenten, G. Burkholder.

Standing, Second Row—Mrs. Burns Stobbelaar (faculty advisor), E. Ives, A. Miling, E. Thomas, E. Perry, H. Crull, E. Stap, J. Mellor, P. Freeberg, Miss Haines (faculty advisor).

Seated—B. Christensen, D. Sawyer, G. Jellema, B. Fahnle, J. Demoray, B. Breese, J. Round, S. Lous, S. Woodrick.

The Beacon . . .

The school paper offers an opportunity for high school students to practice the fundamentals of journalism. Members of the staff have learned not only to write the news, but to publish it as well. The commerce department, headed by Miss Haines, was of tremendous help in instituting a system of cooperative production. During the first semester, the department took over the typing and mimeographing almost completely. Later, however, it helped to shift this work to the staff itself.

This has been the tenth year in the history of the Beacon's publication. Under the helpful guidance of Miss Burns, faculty advisor, the staff had striven to live up to the precedent set in former years. Circulation has been up, issues have been larger, and the paper's proceeds have been greater than ever before. Several special issues were published including the last one, a printed edition containing the Senior Prophecy, Class Will, and news of the senior trip. New columns, such as "Fads and Fashions," "Interviews," reviews of books in our library, and letters from former students and teachers have been introduced. Gordon Beld instituted his "Sports in the Showers" column and the Beacon sponsored a short story contest. Lucille Jones, exchange editor, brought Wyoming the latest from other schools while Sally Lous covered elementary news for a new feature.

Standing, left to right—M. Steketee, J. Wiltjer, M. Struik, J. De Puit, L. Van Malsen, M. Boersma.
Seated—G. Wilterdink, V. Vander Velde, B. Fahnle, E. Hoffert, B. Engstrom, E. Morgan.

Junior Play . . .

"Almost Eighteen!" That was the stage production in form of a riotous comedy by Dana Thomas. Through Mr. Zylstra's direction, this play was a great success.

The plot became rather complicated when our "almost eighteen" youth, Eddie, played by Eugene Hoffert, had ideas about becoming a successful crooner like Crosby. He must earn his own money for the completion of his ambitions to go away to school, for his father opposed them.

His troubles began when he decided to enter a contest. His uncle George meant to aid him, but accidentally he sent the wrong manuscript which was really copied from some book.

There was great excitement until all was finally straightened out, and Eddie was cleared of this suspected treachery.

The members who presented this drama were:

William Barry.....Eugene Morgan
Grace Barry.....Betty Engstrom
Beatrice Barry.....Eleanor Boersma
Eddie Barry.....Eugene Hoffert
Mabel Warren.....Marcia Steketee
Tommy Grandville.....Gerrit Wilterdink
Mrs. Grandville.....Marjorie Struik
Ann Sherman.....Betty Fahnle
Eddie's Uncle George.....John Wiltjer
Sally Davidson.....Catherine Vander Velde
Mr. Merrit.....Gordon Clark
Miss Dalrymple.....Lois Van Malsen

Much must be attributed to the ambitious and tireless stage crew and committees who were largely responsible for two excellent performances.

Sitting, left to right—M. Boersma, R. Ten Brock, R. Osbeck, T. Hoekstra, G. Jellema.
Standing—D. Sawyer, R. Jewell, M. Wyn, B. Drenten, R. Holtrop.

Senior Play . . .

In the presentation of "The Scarecrow Creeps," the senior class maintained its reputation for excelling. Weird blood-curdling screams, shadowy phantom scarecrows, and chairs which rocked by mysterious means offered an evening of intense excitement.

The "Carita" diamond was the object around which the plot revolved. Anthony Gage, its owner, was believed to have been wronged by Roderick, his cousin, who desired its possession.

Thirty years after the theft, the time of the play, Roderick disclosed that the diamond is still hidden in Gage Manor.

The scarecrow, believed to be Anthony's ghost seeking Roderick, somehow spirited him away. Roderick's ghostly-being, so the relatives thought, returned and forced a confession from Adam Throgg, his butler; thus, clearing his name. Then Roderick showed himself perfectly safe and alive.

Under the direction of Mr. Zylstra, the members of the cast portrayed their respective roles very fittingly. The combined efforts of the various committees contributed much to the success of the performance.

Third Row, standing—E. Donelson, G. Beld, D. Early, J. Peppler, E. Wynsma, H. Levering, D. Formsma, W. Chandler, R. Van Der Klok, R. Vandenberg, R. Ten Brock, H. Gort.

Second Row, standing—M. Boersma, D. Olson, D. McHoskey, R. Dood, V. Grubbs, B. Hedberg, H. Schuiling, R. Grubbs, L. Kammeraad, D. Vander Wall, H. Klynstra.

First Row, seated—M. Piebenga, D. Marshall, E. Hoffert, D. Groelsema, R. Warner, A. Mc Danold, G. Formsma, J. Boelens, B. Piebenga.

Boys' Chorus . . .

"How wonderful is the human voice. It is indeed the organ of the soul." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The great need of America today is unity of spirit and the dedication of self to a great common cause. Music is a form of spiritual expression which of itself creates spiritual values and helps to bring about spiritual union. We dedicate ourselves in songs because we can sing in our souls things we cannot find words to say in prose.

The Boys' Chorus, composed of approximately forty voices under the direction of Mrs. G. E. Engelien, finds that they are able to put unlimited zeal and enthusiasm into their songs; and they prove that singing together brings people together.

The outstanding event of the season in which this group participated was the Spring Festival. The Boys' Quintette sang at the Kent County Luncheon.

No one knows what these boys will have to endure before this war is over. If we have given them some enjoyable hours and lifted their spirits through this singing of music, then it was worth all the effort involved to maintain such organizations. Music will add much to the moral strength of the nation, at a critical hour, when the strength of America is the hope of the world.

Fourth Row, standing—E. Kist, L. Van Prooyen, M. De Laat, V. Ryerson, J. Demoray, G. Nevins, M. Struik, B. Engstrom, M. Van Hoeven, T. Meekhoff, G. Ter Haar, D. Demoray, E. Van Leeuwen, C. Crull, M. Kelder, B. Schoen, L. Hoekstra, L. Burkholder, J. Bement, E. Boersma, B. Van Der Schuur, S. Snoeyink.

Third Row, standing—L. Wilton, E. Strong, I. Bergman, J. Austin, M. Oly, F. Faber, B. Miling, B. Breese, G. Jellema, P. Freeberg, E. Thomas, D. Bond, B. Drenten, E. Van Sweden, G. Burkholder, R. Osbeck, L. Hoop, A. Miling, S. Lous, L. Daane, M. Christians.

Second Row, standing—I. Newman, H. Slagter, L. De Witt, L. Slusser, R. Fisher, S. Raible, E. De Witt, S. Bolthouse, M. Steketee, L. Jones, A. Bowman, S. Woodrick, E. Perry, E. Evarts, T. De Went, F. Bolthouse, B. Kroes, B. Fahnle, C. Hartman, Mrs. Engelien, sponsor.

First Row, seated—V. Camfield, H. Bond, P. Newman, M. Gabel, D. Rabe, D. Sawyer, B. Christensen, M. Angus, E. Tracy, L. Hodges, F. Johnson, B. Berglund, F. Mekkes, P. Vande Brink.

Girls' Glee Club . . .

The girls' Glee Club is comprised of approximately eighty girls. It is divided into two sections — the Freshman-Sophomore Chorus and the Junior-Senior Chorus.

Ensembles and soloists from this group participated in many assembly programs at school as well as in various churches in the community. Students taking part in this phase included Constance Hartman, Marcia Steketee, Jane Demoray, Dorothy Demoray, and Beatrice Drenten.

During these trying times it is exceedingly important that music becomes a part of every one's life. It has been said that in the life of any artist the achievements of yesterday always must fade before the opportunities of today. Therefore an artist strives continually to improve his work. That is what our choral groups aim to do, but not without pleasure, for they make it their business to enjoy everything they do.

Back Row, standing—B. Evarts, A. Bowman, B. Christensen, M. Christians, S. Snoeyink, C. Hartman, B. Fahnle.
First Row, standing—R. Osbeck, E. Thomas, G. Nevins, G. Jellema, B. Breese, S. Lous.

Mendelssohn Club . . .

"Music it was we brought from heav'n———
———And thus uplifted do we mount,
Like some celestial throng,
To realms of world forgotten joy
On wings of living song!
On wings of living song! Of living song!"

This familiar strain from "Salutation" by Gaines will always be associated with the Mendelssohn Club as their opening number to any vocal program in which that group participates.

The Mendelssohn Club is composed of only sixteen girls chosen by their director because they showed outstanding ability in singing as well as in a general knowledge of music Most of the girls are in their Junior or Senior year in school.

Third Row, standing—M. Angus, D. McHoskey, B. Jewell, R. Dood, G. Forsma, R. Ten Brock, J. Peppler, W. Chandler, J. Boelens, G. Beld, D. Olson, A. McDanold, D. Vander Wall.
Second Row, Standing—P. Newman, B. Miling, M. Steketee, E. Thomas, E. Van Sweden, D. Demoray, J. Demoray, H. Bond, B. Drenten, B. Burkholder, A. Miling, S. Lous.
First Row, seated—F. Bolthouse, E. Perry, B. Vander Schuur, R. Osbeck, G. Nevins, Mrs. Engelien, sponsor, E. Kist, S. Bolthouse, M. Kelder, S. Woodrick, M. Gabel.

Mixed Chorus . . .

Like the Mendelssohn Club, the mixed chorus is a selected group, composed of approximately thirty-five who have an opportunity to display their musical ability. This organization rehearses only a little more than one hour per month — yet they have accomplished a great deal in a short time because of the outstanding ability of its members.

The Mixed Chorus sang for the Kent County Luncheon, for the Easter Sunrise Service at the United Brethren Church, for another service at the Beverly Reformed Church, and for the Spring Festival.

An outstanding ensemble, featuring John Peppler, Russell Dood, Bill Chandler, Gordon Beld, Dale Vander Wall, Constance Hartman, Marcia Steketee, Jane Demoray, and Beatrice Drenten sang at several public appearances. The song which will be most readily associated with this ensemble is "Going Home" by Dvorak.

Back Row, standing—B. Miling, D. Vander Wall, A. Francis, M. Steketee, E. Camfield, Mr. Thorne, director, B. Berglund, M. Christians.

Third Row, seated—J. De Mull, B. Henry, P. Ter Haar, B. Donelson, E. Strong, F. Johnson, C. Fisher, R. Dood, D. Hershey, R. Wyma, O. Josey, C. De Mull, J. Peppler, E. Streelman, M. Boersma, T. Drenten, W. Dodds, M. Krantz, B. Ten Brock, E. Perry, D. Dykstra, E. Van Leeuwen, D. Early.

Second Row, seated—B. Breese, R. Fisher, V. Stap, B. Christensen, E. Stap, L. Kammeraad, R. Bolthouse, A. Peelen, N. Baarman, J. Vrieland, E. Thomas, J. DeVries, B. Drenten, A. Early.

First Row, seated—R. Olson, G. Burkholder, E. Van Sweden, B. Mulder, G. Jellema, L. Burkholder, C. Nichols, E. Williams.

Band . . .

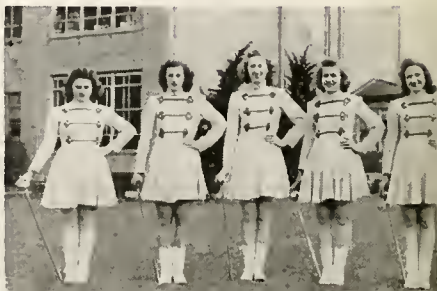
For the first time in four years our band has changed leaders — and twice at that! The first part of the year saw Mr. George Wolner on the podium, but he was called to military service at the end of the first semester.

While our loss was great, our gain was just as great. Mr. Wayne Thorne carried the baton from that time on and led the band through its magnificent finale.

Undoubtedly the outstanding performance of the season was the fifth annual Spring Concert, at which time a capacity crowd filled the auditorium. Although this program was a gala event for the band it was also a sort of farewell; for John Peppler, an active member of the band for six years, played for the last time with them. The following day he left for service with the U. S. Merchant Marines.

Again this year the band participated in the invitational band festival under the direction of the eminent Leonard Falcone, professor of music at Michigan State College.

Even though our conductor, Mr. Thorne, is a minister of the Gospel by profession, he has given much of his time to the band for which we are very grateful to him.



Sports

Standing—R. Jewell, manager; Mr. Norlin, coach, B. Piebenga, R. Warner, G. Nyenhuis, R. Dood, V. Grubbs, H. Levering, B. Hedberg, L. Centille, J. Kennedy, L. Crull, M. Piebenga, P. Van Houten, manager.

Kneeling—G. Formsma, D. Formsma, W. Chandler, H. Nagelkerk, J. Peppler, R. Ives, R. Ten Brock, C. De Mull, E. Wynsma.

Football . . .

M. Piebenga

B. Piebenga

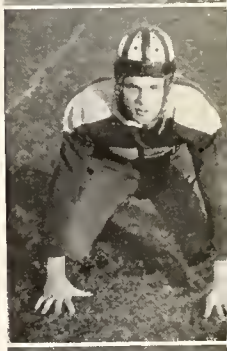
L. Crull

V. Grubbs

R. Dood

J. Peppler

H. Nagelkerk



R. Ives

W. Chandler

R. Ten Brock

D. Formsma

C. De Mull

Coach Norlin

FOOTBALL

The outstanding event of 1943 was, without doubt, the winning of the coveted Grand Valley Football Championship. The 1943 squad will go down in this school's history as being the first team to win a Grand Valley Conference title.

The fact that this was our first year of league competition, and that this was Coach Denton Norlin's first year of coaching, add all the more glory to the illustrious record of seven victories, one tie, and one defeat.

The highlight of the year was the convincing defeat of the favored East Grand Rapids eleven. An equally thrilling game was the defeat of Grandville in the annual classic.

At the close of the season Captain Clair De Mull and John Peppler were elected to the all-conference team.

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BASKETBALL

Under the guidance of their new coach, Mr. Burt, the Vikings had one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school. They won fourteen out of seventeen games, defeating Holland Christian for the first time in our basketball history.

This was the first year that the Viking five played in the Grand Valley conference and throughout the season they were a constant threat to the older members. But East Grand Rapids twice defeated the Vikings in the conference, leaving second place honors to Wyoming. These two defeats were the only two suffered during the entire season of fourteen games.

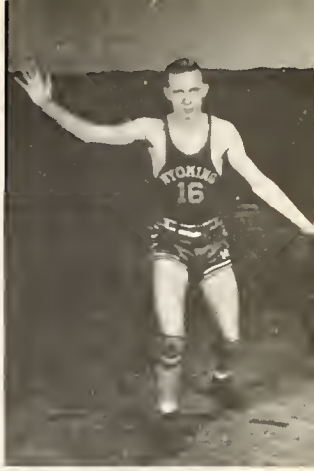
In the tournaments, the Vikings defeated Grandville and Comstock Park, only to be defeated in the final tournament by Lee High School, whom the Vikings had defeated twice in the regular season.

Team captain Lee Crull, Duane Formsma, and Clair De Mull were honored by receiving berths on the "all conference" team.

Basketball . . .

Henry Levering

Lee Crull



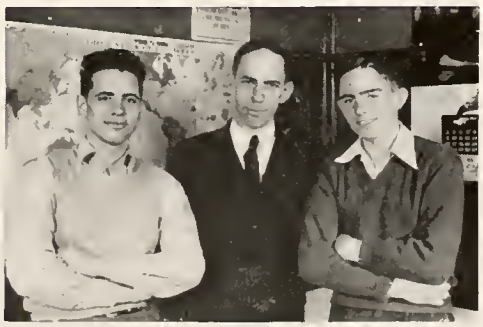
Duane Formsma

Virgil Grubbs

Clair De Mull

Bob Warner

Jack De Puit



Mr. Burt, *Coach*
Bob Jewell Gorden Beld

Boyce Hedberg

Gerald Formsma

Varsity

Standing—B. Hedberg, G. Formsma, R. Warner.
Kneeling—Mr. Burt, coach, H. Levering, J. De Puit, C. De Mull, L. Crull, D. Formsma.

Basketball . . .

Reserves

Standing—H. Klynstra, D. Vander Wall, R. Clark, R. Grubbs, K. Berends, Mr. Norlin, coach.
Kneeling—H. Ritzema, A. McDanold, G. Nyenhuis, E. Wynsma, C. Fisher.

Standing: Mr. Engels, coach, H. Levering, B. Formsma, C. De Mull, E. Morgan, G. Nyenhuis, R. Vidervol, G. Formsma, E. Wynsma, E. Early, manager.

Kneeling—J. Round, M Piebenga, V. Grubbs, B. Piebenga, D. Grubbs, H. Slootmaker, C. Nichols, G. Beld.

Track . . .

The track team entered its second year in the Grand Valley League with one of the largest track teams in the history of the school.

After a brief but snappy period of training, the team started the season by defeating their old traditional rivals, the Grandville Bulldogs.

The outstanding success which our team has had is credited to the hard work which our new and capable coach, Mr. Engels, went through to produce a fine team.

Seven boys will be lost by graduation. Among them, two are four-letter men—Virgil Grubbs, hurdler; and Jack Round, dashman. The other seniors are: Bill Chandler, Clair De Mull, Duane Formsma, spectacular field man and hurdler; and the Piebenga twins, Marvin and Bernard, who were also outstanding dashmen.

V. Grubbs

Jack Round and Coach Engels

D. Formsma

Standing—B. Jewell, H. Gort, B. Warner, E. Wynsma, B. Chandler, C. Snoeyink, J. Boelens, C. Fisher, G. Beld, Coach Norlin.
Kneeling—M. Piebenga, R. Dood, H. Nagelkerk, H. Levering, G. Nyenhuis, R. Lathrop, B. Piebenga.

Baseball .

The 1944 baseball team, coached by Mr. Norlin, has proven to be one of the best in the history of the school.

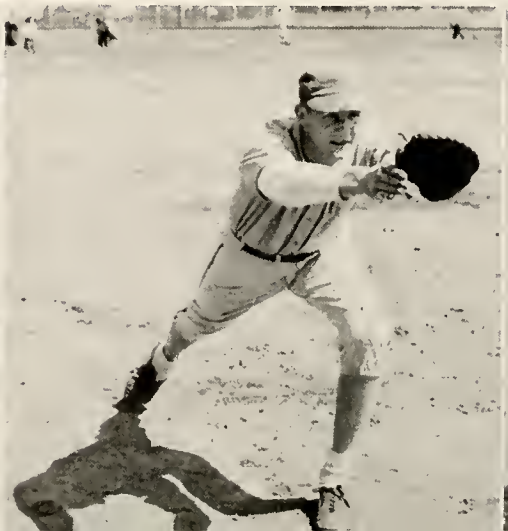
At present Wyoming is leading the Grand Valley League with three wins and no losses.

The Viking nine began the season with a 15-7 win over Grandville, and then proceeded to defeat Rockford 8 to 3, and Godwin 9 to 3.

Lost to the team by graduation will be Russ Dood, winning pitcher of all the games so far; Lee Crull, hard-hiting pitcher; Bill Chandler, first baseman; the keystone combination of Marvin and Bernard Piebenga; and the outfield composed of Harve Nagelkirk, Bob Warner, and Clair De Mull.

H. Levering

B. Chandler



R. Dood

R. Capella, E. Wynsma, B. Formsma, G. Formsma, A. McDonald, Mr. Burt, coach.

Tennis . . .

Wyoming, entering its second season of tennis, presented two regulars and five new recruits. These had to be molded into winners. This was accomplished under the excellent guidance and coaching of Mr. Burt. He is also a new member, this being his first year at coaching Wyoming's tennis team. Duane Formsma and Jack De Puit were the returning doubles combination. Richard Cepella, Alan MacDanold, Ed Wynsma, Gerald Formsma, and Dale Vanderwall were the candidates.

Tennis practice began in the snow and ended in the rain. But between the rainstorms and on nice days pleasant trips were enjoyed.

The first match with Grandville was one of the most exciting, when every match went the full three sets before the winner came through.

Track and baseball claimed most of the boys' time after school so that tennis practices were held two evenings a week. Much credit must be given these boys for giving up so much time for their school and its sports program.

B. Formsma

R. Capella

E. Wynsma

Tackle!

Touchdown Pass

Time Out

Spectators

Ready and Waiting

Get Him!

Snapshots

Backward Kids

11:46

Junior High Student Council

Future Majorettes

Pose!

1-2-3-4

See the Monkey!

Time Out

Happy?

Find the School!

Beach Glamor

Under-standing Pose!

Horseplay

Pals

Ah Love!

Nice Pooch!

Alma Mater

Wolf Olson

Mumps

Mr. Groelsema

Bug-Catcher

Betty and Connie

Senior Index . . .

Marlin K. Boersma
Band 1, 2, 3
Basketball 1, 2
Junior Play
Senior Play
Boys' Chorus 4

Doris G. Bond
Physical Ed. 1
Girls' Chorus 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3

Aris I. Bowman
Dramatics 3
Physical Ed. 2
Girls' Chorus 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3

Betty J. Breese
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 3, 4
(Vice Pres. 4)
Class Pres. 3
Debate 1, 2, 3, 4
A Capella 1, 2, 3, 4

Gene G. Burkholder
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4

Laurence Centille
Football 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3
Class Pres. 4
Hi-Y 3
Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4

William E. Chandler
Football 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Class Vice Pres. 4
Hi-Y 4
Orbit 4

Betty Eileen Christensen
Band 2, 3, 4
Junior Play
Beacon 3, 4
Debate 1, 2, 3, 4
Forensics 1, 2, 3

Lee R. Crull
Football 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Baseball 3
Hi-Y 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3

Lois B. Daane
Girl Reserves 2, 3, 4
(Vice Pres. 4)
Junior Play
Beacon 3
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3

Maxine V. De Laat
Girl Reserves 2, 3, 4
(Sec. 4)
Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3
Dramatics 3
Junior Play
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4

Jane L. Demoray
Band 1
Beacon 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
A Capella 2, 3

Clair De Mull
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4
Orbit 4

Russell Dood
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
(Treas. 3, 4)
Class Treas. 2

Beatrice M. Drenton
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon 3, 4
Senior Play
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
A Capella 1, 2, 3

Donald L. Early
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3
Hi-Y 3, 4
Orbit 4

Duane M. Forsma
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 2, 3, 4
Tennis 2, 3, 4
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4

Phyllis R. Freeberg
Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4
(Pres. 4)
Dramatics 2, 3
Orbit 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon 2, 3, 4

Eleanor E. Grimm
Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics 1, 2
Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3

Virgil A. Grubbs, Jr.
Football 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
(Pres. 4)
Class Vice-Pres. 3

Boyce Hedberg
Football 3, 4
Basketball 3, 4
Band 2
Boys' Chorus 4

Theodore G. Hoekstra
Physical Ed. 3, 4
Intramural Basketball 3
Dramatics 3
Junior Play
Senior Play

Lucille J. Hoffman
Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3
Dramatics 3
Junior Play
A Capella 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4

Ralph W. Holtrop
Intramural Basketball 3, 4
Debate 1
Junior Play
Senior Play
Dramatics 2, 3

Robert E. Ives
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 3

Gay Jellema
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon 1, 3, 4
Orbit 4
Senior Play
A Capella 3, 4

Robert K. Jewell
Football 1, 2, 3
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
Senior Play
Boys' Chorus 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3, 4

Lucille M. Jones
Band 1, 2, 3
Orchestra 1
Dramatics 1
Beacon 1, 4
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4

Senior Index . . .

Leslie Z. Kish

Donna E. Kroll
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 1
Girls' Chorus 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4

Sally R. Lous
Beacon 4
Dramatics 2, 3
Girls' Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
A Capella 1, 2, 3, 4

Donald E. McHoskey
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
Boys' Chorus 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4
A Capella 2, 3, 4

Alice M. Miling
Band 1, 2
Beacon 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 3, 4
A Capella 1, 3
Double Mixed Octette 3

Doris L. Monroe
Girl Reserves 2, 3, 4
Physical Ed. 1, 2
Beacon 3

Harrard D. Nagelkerk
Football 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
Boys' Chorus 4

Richard F. Olson
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4
Boys' Chorus 3, 4

Ruth Ann Osbeck
Girl Reserves 1, 2, 3
Dramatics 3
Junior Play
Senior Play
A Capella 3, 4

John E. Peppler
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Student Council 2, 3, 4
(Pres. 4)
Class Pres. 2
(Vice Pres. 1)
Junior Play
Football 2, 3, 4

Bernard Piebenga
Football 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Basketball 3
Hi-Y 3, 4
Class Treas. 4

Marvin Piebenga
Football 3, 4
Baseball 3, 4
Hi-Y 3, 4
Boys Chorus 4

Josephine L. Roservelt
Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3
Beacon 3
Dramatics 3
Girls' Chorus 3
Mixed Chorus 3

Jack A. Round
Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2
Beacon 3, 4
Orbit 4
Junior Play

Verna M. Ryerson
Girl Reserves 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader 3, 4
Dramatics 3
Junior Play
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4

Dorothy G. Sawyer
Girl Reserves 3
Senior Play
Beacon 4
Girls' Chorus 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 2, 3

David R. Sharp
Dramatics 1, 2, 3
Stage Manager
(Jr. and Sr. Plays)
Physical Ed. 3, 4

Robert L. Ten Brock
Band 1, 2, 3
Football 3, 4
Hi-Y 3, 4
Senior Play
Mixed Chorus 3, 4

Richard A. Van Der Klok
Physical Ed. 3, 4
Boys' Chorus 4

Bernice A. Vander Schuur
Godwin 1, 2
Girls' Chorus 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 3, 4

Phyllis M. Vogel
Girl Reserves 2, 3, 4
(Treas. 4)
Physical Ed. 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon 4
Librarian 4
Girls' Chorus 4

Robert R. Warner
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Baseball 3, 4
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Boys' Chorus 4

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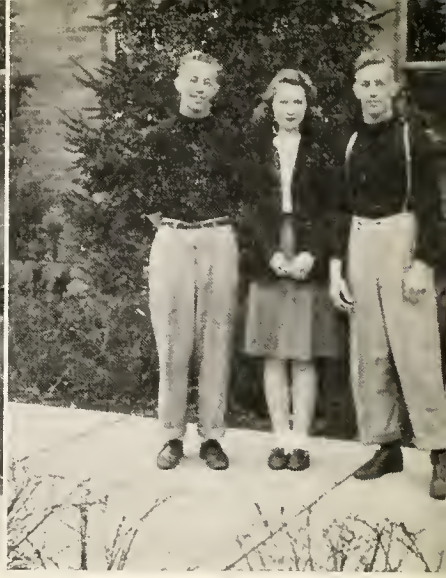

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